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Loses Musical Instruments While Rescuing Brothers and Sisters and a Baby.

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Lodger Suffocated in West 69th Street, and a Cook Jumps to Her Death.

Morris Nitke, a musician and a cripple, lost his violins and guitars in a fire at 217 Livingston street yesterday morning while he was saving the lives of several members of his family and some other persons.

MISTRESS AND MAID CAUGHT THE THIEF.

Awed by Their Carving Knife Siegel Cowered in a Corner.

Mrs. William H. Horsfall, a society woman of Mount Vernon, yesterday captured a thief who had stolen a pocketbook containing \$20 from her home. With her maid holding the thief in the corner of the kitchen by the collar she searched her prisoner and found her stolen purse in his coat pocket.

Mrs. Horsfall is the wife of a prominent architect, who lives at No. 306 Summit avenue. Her prisoner gave his name as Louis Siegel, twenty years old, of No. 131 Madison street, Manhattan, and said he was a driver for a big dry goods store.

Yesterday afternoon Siegel delivered some goods at Mrs. Horsfall's home. While her back was turned Siegel slipped her pocketbook, which lay on a window sill, into his pocket, and when she went to pay the driver she found that her money had disappeared.

After Siegel reached the sidewalk before Mrs. Horsfall ran after him and dragged him into the kitchen.

QUINBY MAY MAKE SHEEHAN LEADER.

Jones's New Appointee Begins an Active Bryan Campaign.

Franklyn Quinby, who has just received from Chairman James K. Jones an appointment as the New York County representative of the Democratic National Party and Means Committee, announced yesterday that he would at once proceed with the task of organizing Bryan Democrats here for the campaign of 1900. If John C. Sheehan will accept the leadership of the New Yorkers Mr. Quinby says it may be offered him.

"It is our purpose," said Mr. Quinby, "to begin the organization of loyal Bryan and Chicago Platform Democrats in every district in the county. We shall very soon establish headquarters, and labor night and day to insure as solid a delegation as possible for Bryan at the Democratic National Convention of 1900."

"We shall not conduct an unfair offensive canvass. Wherever we see a disposition on the part of Tammany Hall to send delegates of whose active support of the national ticket and platform in 1900 there is no question, we shall not, of course, seek to defeat them. But wherever there is the slightest evidence of a movement to choose delegates who either openly or secretly worked against our candidates three



it was checked. It started in the basement. Nitke was the hero of the neighborhood for the rest of the day. Mrs. Rothburz, one of the tenants, was so badly burned that she died in Gouverneur Hospital last night.

The three-story brownstone front dwelling, No. 112 West Forty-ninth street, kept by Mrs. Margaret Hilton as a furnished room house, was gutted yesterday morning by a fire, in which two persons lost their lives. These were Mrs. Hilton's colored cook, known only as Grace, and a lodger, Arthur Thompson, whose parents reside at No. 259 West Sixty-ninth street.

Before the firemen arrived smoke was pouring from every window in the front of the building. Two lodgers, Louis and George Casselbach, stood on a sill, ready to jump. Robert K. Ford, of No. 335 Columbia street, saw them and shouted to them to wait, that he would save them. He rushed into the adjoining house, opened out of a window next the sill on which they stood and swung them across in safety.

Grace, the cook, jumped from a third-story window and was killed. Thompson was suffocated by the smoke. His body was not badly burned.

There was a terrific explosion yesterday afternoon in the seven-story building of the David S. Stevenson Brewing Company, Nos. 517 and 519 Tenth avenue, which has a hole in the roof and injured one man quite severely. The explosion occurred in the grain dryer, which is an iron drum, twenty-five feet in diameter, and which extends from the collar to the top floor. The dryer is fed by hot air from several furnaces. A spark caused the explosion, which not only blew off the top of the drum, but part of the roof as well.

DICKINSON SENIORS ABDUCT A JUNIOR.

Students Are in Pursuit of the Kidnappers and a Class Row Is Feared.

Williamsport, Pa., May 25.—A. S. Tibbels, president of the junior class of Dickinson Seminary, was kidnapped this afternoon by members of the senior class to interfere with a bucolic entertainment which the juniors had prepared for tonight.

While Tibbels was walking along the street he was suddenly seized by four stalwart seniors, who unceremoniously hustled him into an out-of-the-way place, where he was bound hand and foot and a gag placed in his mouth to prevent any outcry being made.

A carriage was then secured, and he was driven rapidly out of the city. As soon as the news of the abduction became known a large body of students started out in search of the missing man.

It is reported to-night that Tibbels has succeeded in making his escape from his captors, and is on his way back to the city. In order to evade his pursuers he was compelled to swim a stream of water.

NEW VAULT FOR CLEARING HOUSE.

A contract for a new gold vault for the New York Clearing House will soon be awarded. The vault now used has a capacity of \$170,000,000. The new vault will hold \$200,000,000.

years ago we shall make the best fight we can, and at least send a contesting delegation.

"The test of loyalty for all Democrats nationally is their attitude in 1896. The platform adopted at Chicago remains the platform of the party until it is changed at the coming national convention."

"I have just received my appointment and therefore cannot speak about the leader of the movement in this country. Should the fight that is now being made on John C. Sheehan appear to have been instigated because of his devotion to the real Democratic candidate, principles in 1896, stranger things might happen than that he would be asked to lead us. He managed the Bryan canvass here three years ago admirably, so I am told. However, our plans are not yet fixed."

Mr. Quinby is going to consult with the members of the Chicago Platform Committee of Twenty, recently formed, and of which James R. Brown is the chairman. He is a lawyer with offices in the Benj. Franklin building, and was very active for Bryan in the campaign of 1896.

"DRY-DOLLAR TIM" BRADWAY HOST.

Senator Sullivan Will Re-open the Hotel York at Forty-first Street.

AS A TAMMANY RESORT.

All Politicians of Note and Members of the Legislature to Be Invited to the Opening.

Senator Timothy "Dry-Dollar" Sullivan is to have a Broadway Hotel. He became the chief backer yesterday in a scheme to re-open the Hotel York, at Broadway and Forty-first street, and make it a Tammany Hall political and sporting resort.

Tom O'Rourke, Sullivan's right bower, and John Bittner, proprietor of the Hotel Stuyvesant, late in the afternoon signed a ten-year lease for the property. Within a few days its rehabilitation will be commenced.

The lessees propose to expend \$40,000 or more in improvements. The entire front is to be taken out and a modern interior, too, is to be reconstructed and refurnished in the most attractive manner.

The alterations may be finished in time for a grand opening by the middle of September or the first of October. To this Sullivan intends to invite every member of the Legislature, the State officers and political leaders far and near.

The Senator has not yet decided upon the name for his new hotel. Neither the "Dry-Dollar" nor the "Warwick" is a name he is formerly known, nor yet the "York." Its present name, suits him. "Hotel Tim," "Hotel Sullivan," "Hotel Dry-Dollar," "Hotel Tammany," and a dozen other names have been suggested. The Bowers statesman is said to prefer "Hotel Dewey." But this question may not be determined until just before the opening.

The Hotel Dewey was, years ago, a great resort for the theatrical profession. So many famous actors acted their parts at the property, that the name of the hotel was changed to the name of the place and changed the name to Hotel York. He was equally unfortunate, and recently the house closed.

Jews Not Tattooed With Crosses. The story of Dr. Brander, of No. 54 Lewis street, that Hebrew children were being tattooed with the sign of the cross by Pitt street Christian missionaries is emphatically denied by Philip Kraus, editor of the Abendblatt, who made a thorough investigation.

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